

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-26 (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38 26, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind, skip and jump.

28. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38 26, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the restriction ~~for of~~ the special playback is described by a possibility/impossibility code.

29. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38 26, wherein the special section ~~a section, to which a restriction for the special playback applies,~~ is described on a per segment basis.

30. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38 26, wherein the license information manages the content key and the usage condition as a pair.

31. (Currently Amended) A content distribution server, comprising:

a license information generator that generates license information containing a content key and a usage condition;

a content storage that stores content;

a content encryptor that generates encrypted content by encrypting the content stored in the content storage by the content key;

a playback control information generator that generates playback control information describing a special section ~~subject to in the encrypted content and restriction information~~ describing a restriction ~~of~~ for a special playback of the content in the special section; and

a communicator that transmits the license information generated in the license information generator, the encrypted content generated in the content encryptor, and the playback control information ~~and restriction information~~ generated in the playback control information generator,

wherein, ~~in the usage condition,~~ the license information generator includes, in the usage condition, information specifying a possibility/impossibility of the special playback in the special section allowing only a playback based on the playback control information describing a special section in the encrypted content and the restriction information describing a playback mode of the special section.

32. (Currently Amended) The content distribution server according to claim 31, wherein the communicator transmits the license information as a pair ~~of~~ comprising the content key and the usage condition.

33-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The content playback control terminal according to claim 39 ~~34~~, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind, skip and jump.

36. (Currently Amended) The content playback control terminal according to claim 39 ~~34~~, wherein the restriction ~~for~~ of the special playback is described by a possibility/impossibility code.

37. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 39 ~~34~~, wherein the special section ~~a section to which a restriction for the special playback applies~~ is described on a per-segment basis.

38. (New) A content playback control method comprising:

- storing in a memory, license information containing a content key and a usage condition and playback control information describing a special section subject to a restriction of a special playback of content in the special section;
- decoding encrypted content using the content key only when the usage condition is met;
- controlling a playback of the decoded content based on the playback control information;
- determining whether the usage condition includes information specifying a possibility/impossibility of the special playback in the special section;
- determining, when the usage condition includes the information specifying the possibility/impossibility of the special playback and an instruction to perform the special

playback is received, whether the special section includes a point at which the special playback is performed according to the playback control information; and

determining, when the special section includes the point at which the special playback is performed, the possibility/impossibility of the special playback for the decoded content.

39. (New) A content playback control terminal comprising:

a license information recorder that records license information containing a content key and a usage condition;

a playback control information recorder that recodes playback control information describing a special section subject to a restriction of a special playback of content;

a content decoder that decodes encrypted content using the content key and plays the decoded content based on the playback control information;

a license information processor that passes the content key to the content decoder only when the usage condition is met; and

a playback control information processor that controls the playback of the content in the content decoder based on the playback control information, wherein:

wherein the license information processor determines whether the usage condition includes information specifying a possibility/impossibility of the special playback;

when the usage condition includes the information specifying the possibility/impossibility of the special playback and an instruction to perform the special playback is received, the playback control information processor determines whether the special section includes a point at which the special playback is performed; and

when the special section includes the point at which the special playback is performed, the playback control information processor determines the possibility/impossibility of the special playback for the decoded content and instructs the content decoder.